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**PATENT APPLICATION**

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In re the Application of

Kenji NISHI

Group Art Unit: 2877

Application No.: 09/782,062

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For: EXPOSURE METHOD, EXPOSURE APPARATUS, AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING DEVICE

**LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> EXTENSION  
OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND  
TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17**

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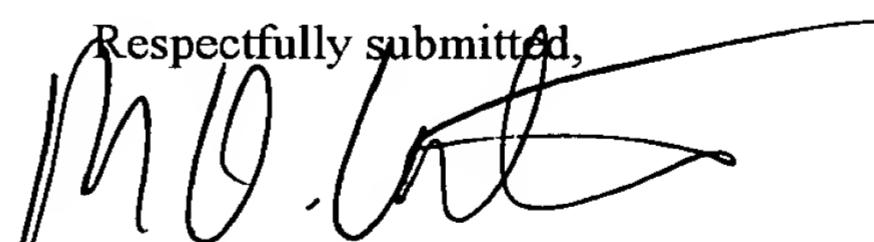
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